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## ABSTRACT

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A computer program which implements the use of worldwide cloud-cover distribution data is discussed. This program was prepared for use on the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center Univac 1108 computer.

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### SUMMARY

Worldwide cloud-cover distribution data have been obtained for use in mission planning for aircraft and spacecraft missions on which earth resources remote sensing measurements are made or landmarks are used as navigation aids. To use these data, it was necessary to develop the computer program described in this report. This program, for use with the Univac 1108 computer, provides a method of (1) storing the cloud-cover statistical data permanently and (2) retrieving the data readily.

### INTRODUCTION

Worldwide cloud-cover distribution data (ref. 1) were collected and supplied to the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center (MSC). Cloud-cover statistical data are important in mission planning for aircraft and spacecraft missions on which earth resources remote sensing is conducted or landmarks are used as navigation aids. These data consist of "unconditional" cloud-cover probabilities for specific times of day (designated in local standard time (l. s. t.)) over standard areas located by single points; each point is specified by a latitude and a longitude designation. "Conditional" probabilities in terms of 24 hours or 200 nautical miles are also given by the computer program. However, the conditional probabilities can be used at times and distances other than 24 hours or 200 nautical miles. The conditional probabilities are predictions based on the unconditional (or absolute) probabilities given for a specific point at a specific time. The conditional probabilities are for either time into the future or distances away from the specific point. It is extremely important that it be understood that these statistical data should never be used for real-time weather forecasting, because the applicable atmospheric dynamics are not accounted for in the statistical data.

The Univac 1108 computer program discussed in this report was provided to implement use of the data in preparation for missions, such as the following, that include remote sensing experiments.

1. For each Apollo lunar mission, an earth-orbit contingency mission is planned in the event an abort of the lunar portion of the mission, without the necessity for an

immediate return of the crew, should occur. These contingency earth-orbit missions would use the cameras on board the spacecraft for earth resources photography and therefore are cloud-cover sensitive.

2. The Skylab mission to be launched in April 1973 will carry five sensors for earth resources remote sensing measurements. These measurements will be made in the visible, infrared, and microwave regions of the spectrum. These sensors will be used by the flight crews for a total of 140 days during 1973. Since several hundred targets may be established, the long-range mission planning, using cloud-cover statistical data, is essential to the success of the mission. In the mission planning, these data are correlated with other considerations such as orbital ground track, sun elevation angle, and crew activities.

To use the cloud-cover statistical data, it was necessary to search the data an indefinite number of times in order to recall a specific block of the data. The most efficient method of conducting this data search was found to be the use of the random recall capability of the high-speed-drum storage facility. However, data cannot be stored permanently on the high-speed-drum facility; therefore, it was necessary to provide a capability for rapid transfer of the data from permanent storage to the high-speed drum. This requirement was satisfied by the preparation of a computer program to transfer the cloud-cover statistical data from punched cards to magnetic tape on which the data are stored permanently and are readily transferred to the high-speed drum.

The computer program was written in the FORTRAN V language with the addition of the MSC computer system subroutines MREAD, MWRITE, RINIT, RREAD, and RWRITE for the Univac 1108 computer. Compatibility with other computer systems depends on the availability of a high-speed drum and the ability of the computer system to read and produce binary magnetic tapes with a capacity of 38 and 90 words per "record" (increment of information).

Three appendixes are included in this report. Appendixes A and B each contain (1) illustrations of the flow diagrams and (2) computer printout listings of the computer program and subroutines discussed in this report. Appendix C contains a description of the magnetic tape storage used with the program. An alternative to the method of retrieving the data by use of the high-speed drum is also described.

Copies of the cards for this computer program are available upon request from David E. Pitts, mail code TF321, Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas 77058. Requests for copies of the data on magnetic tape will be honored if the requests are accompanied by blank magnetic tapes.

## WORLDWIDE CLOUD-COVER DATA DESCRIPTION

Two decks of cards contain all the input data necessary to use the worldwide cloud-cover statistical data (ref. 1). The first deck contains climatological (map) region numbers and boundaries. The second deck contains cloud-cover statistical data, compiled for each of 12 months, for each of the 29 map regions.

Data for the first deck are extracted from the map in figure 1 in the following manner. Boundaries of each region fall on even-numbered latitudes and longitudes. The area between  $70^{\circ}$  S and  $70^{\circ}$  N is divided into 70 swaths at odd-numbered latitudes which extend from  $0^{\circ}$  to  $360^{\circ}$  eastward from the Greenwich meridian. The areas above  $70^{\circ}$  N and below  $70^{\circ}$  S require another logic, since one region number defines the entire area. Scanning eastward from the Greenwich meridian along each swath, the number of the region previously encountered and the value of its terminating longitude (integral numbers between 0 and 360) are recorded and punched on cards. The maximum number of terminating longitudes in one swath is 19. Two cards are used to catalog one swath even though data for some swaths do not extend into the second card. The card setup is illustrated in figure 2.

The second deck, containing the cloud-cover statistical data, is illustrated in figure 3. Figure 4 illustrates the setup for the individual cards containing the statistical data. As shown, the data on the cards are organized in three matrices, the first being the unconditional probabilities for five cloud categories and eight local times. The second matrix contains the 24-hour (temporal) statistical data, and the third matrix contains the 200-nautical-mile (spatial) statistical data.

Approximately 75 percent of the cloud-cover data were expressed in tenths of sky cover; the remainder was expressed in eighths. Cloud-cover category designation is as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Tenths</u>	<u>Eighths</u>
1	0	0
2	1, 2, 3	1, 2
3	4, 5	3, 4
4	6, 7, 8, 9	5, 6, 7
5	10	8

Note that the intervals are unequal in size and that the categorization in tenths differs only slightly from that in eighths.

#### DATA TRANSFER PROGRAM

The Data Transfer Program transfers only the region number and the terminating longitude of the map region block to magnetic tape. The transfer is made one swath at a time so that the swath number can be used as an index, for data recall, for an array of points of entry to a high-speed drum. Similarly, only the probabilities of the cloud-cover probability data block are transferred. This data block is transferred one region at a time (data from five cards) month by month from month 1 to month 12. The

month number and the region number are used as indexes for a two-dimensional array of points of entry to a high-speed drum. The number denoting the cloud-cover category is not transferred and must be generated by the processing program. The remaining numbers that appear as data on the cards are used to arrange the data card deck properly, but are unnecessary for the computational processing and are not transferred to magnetic tape. The flow diagram and computer printout listing for the Data Transfer Program are given in appendix A.

## DATA RECALL SUBROUTINE SET

In addition to the Data Transfer Program, two subroutines are used. Subroutine CLOUD is the data-manipulating program. Subroutine DRUMST, which is called by subroutine CLOUD, transfers the tabular cloud-cover statistical data from magnetic tape to a high-speed drum. Subroutine DRUMST is called only once for each loading of the subroutine. The flow diagrams and computer printout listings for subroutines CLOUD and DRUMST are given in appendix B.

To call subroutine DRUMST, subroutine CLOUD sets all parameters. The calling statement for subroutine CLOUD is

CALL CLOUD(MONTH, HOUR, PLAT, PLONG, UPROB, TPROB,  
SPROB, SCPROB, SCALE, ISCALE)

where MONTH is the month of the year from 1 to 12; HOUR is the time of day l. s. t. in the range -24.0 to +48.0 hours at the point specified by PLAT and PLONG; PLAT is the latitude in the range  $-90.0^{\circ}$  to  $+90.0^{\circ}$  with north latitudes positive and south latitudes negative; PLONG is the longitude in the range  $-180.0^{\circ}$  to  $+180.0^{\circ}$  with longitudes east of the Greenwich meridian positive and longitudes west negative; UPROB, TPROB, SPROB, and SCPROB are vectors for storing the probabilities (UPROB (five elements), unconditional; TPROB ( $5 \times 5$  array of elements), 24-hour time conditional; SPROB ( $5 \times 5$  array of elements), 200-nautical-mile space conditional; SCPROB ( $5 \times 5$  array of elements), scaled conditional (time or space)); SCALE is the scale factor for scaling the conditional probabilities, given in hours for time scaling and in nautical miles for space scaling; and ISCALE is a control variable which indicates either the type of scaling to be done or that no scaling is to be done. That is

$$\text{ISCALE} = \begin{cases} 1; \text{time scaling} \\ 2; \text{space scaling} \\ 3; \text{no scaling} \end{cases}$$

If ISCALE is not assigned a value of either 1, 2, or 3, it is assigned the value 3 when subroutine CLOUD is entered, so that the computer will not call for an error termination of the run.

The data that must be supplied to subroutine CLOUD are supplied by means of the variables MONTH, HOUR, PLAT, PLONG, SCALE, and ISCALE in the calling statement. Subroutine CLOUD outputs the unconditional, the 24-hour time conditional, and the 200-nautical-mile space conditional probabilities. The scaled conditional probabilities also are output if scaling for times other than 24 hours or for distances other than 200 nautical miles occurs.

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

The worldwide cloud-cover distribution data discussed in this report were obtained for use in mission planning for aircraft and spacecraft missions on which earth resources remote sensing measurements are made or landmarks are used as navigation aids. A computer program, for use with the Univac 1108 computer, was developed so that the cloud-cover statistical data can be permanently stored and readily retrieved.

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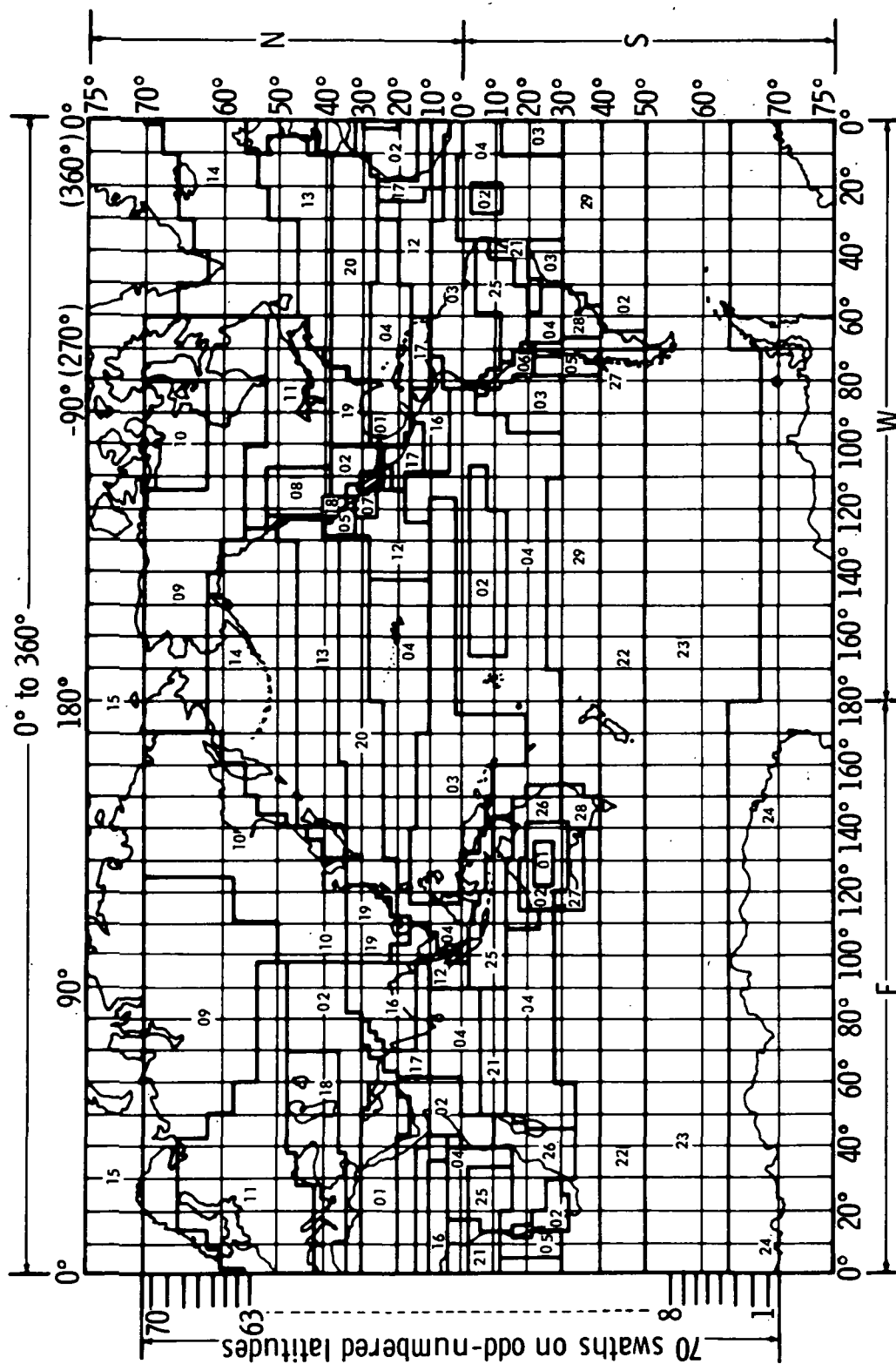


Figure 1. - Map region designation.

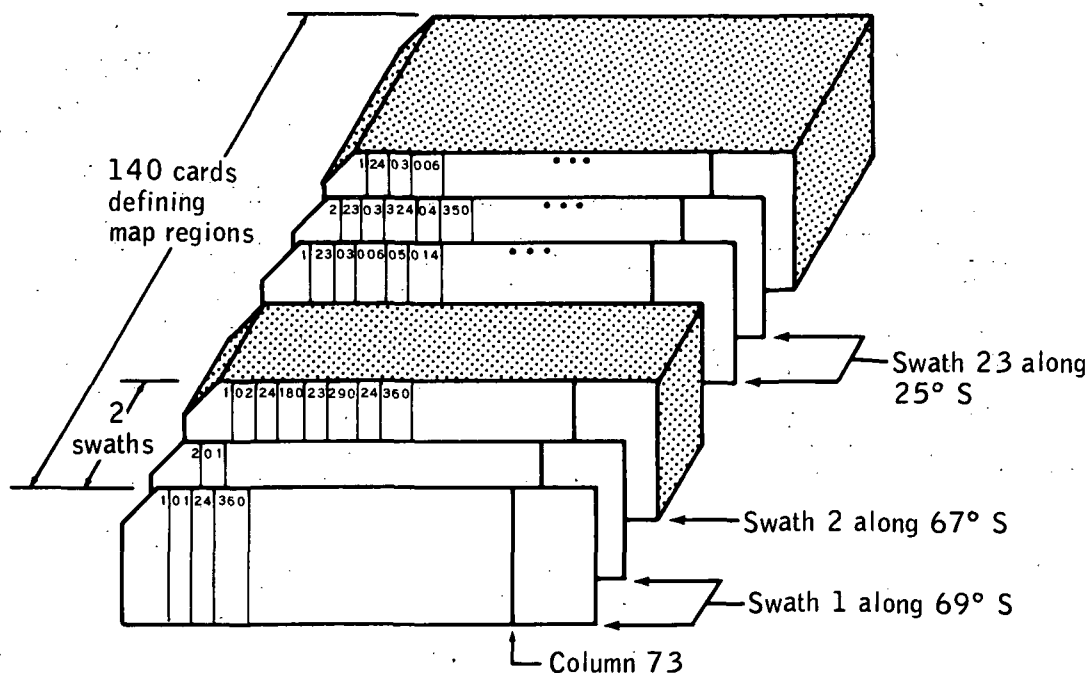
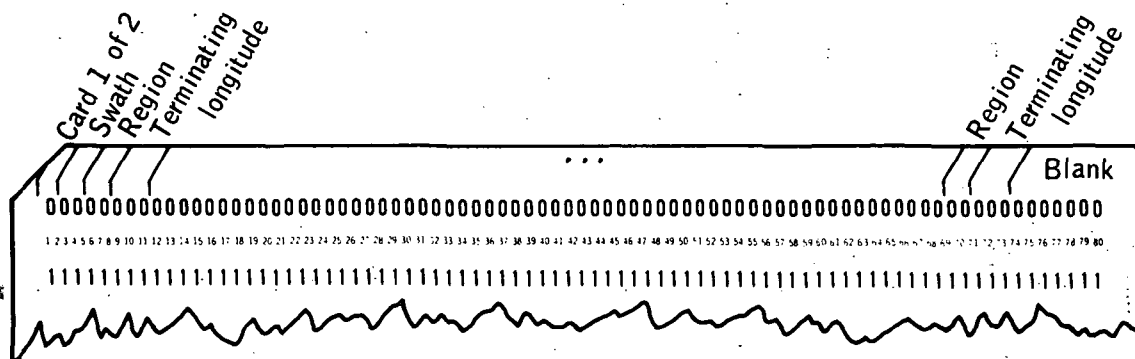


Figure 2. - Data card setup for definition of climatic regions.

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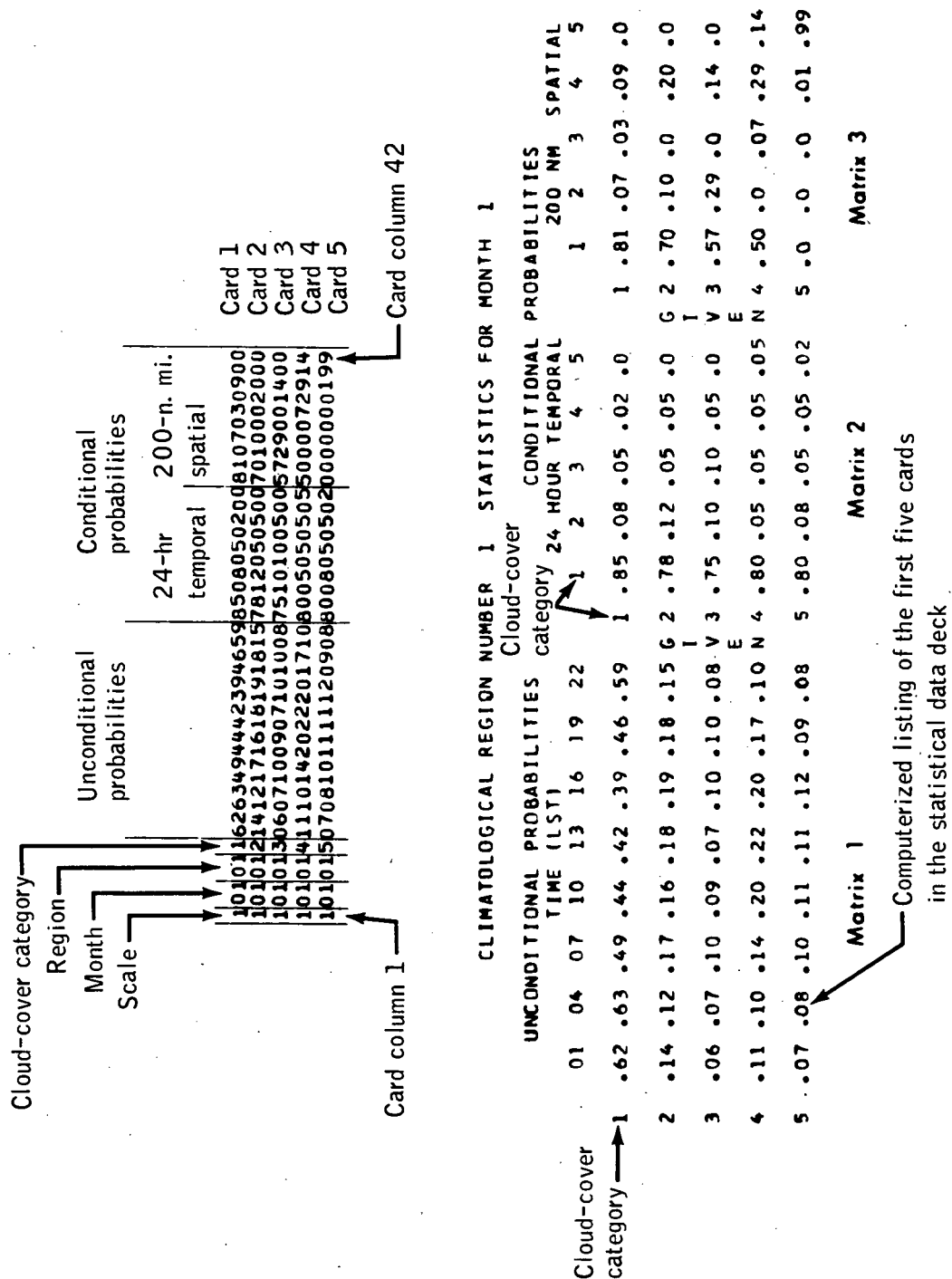


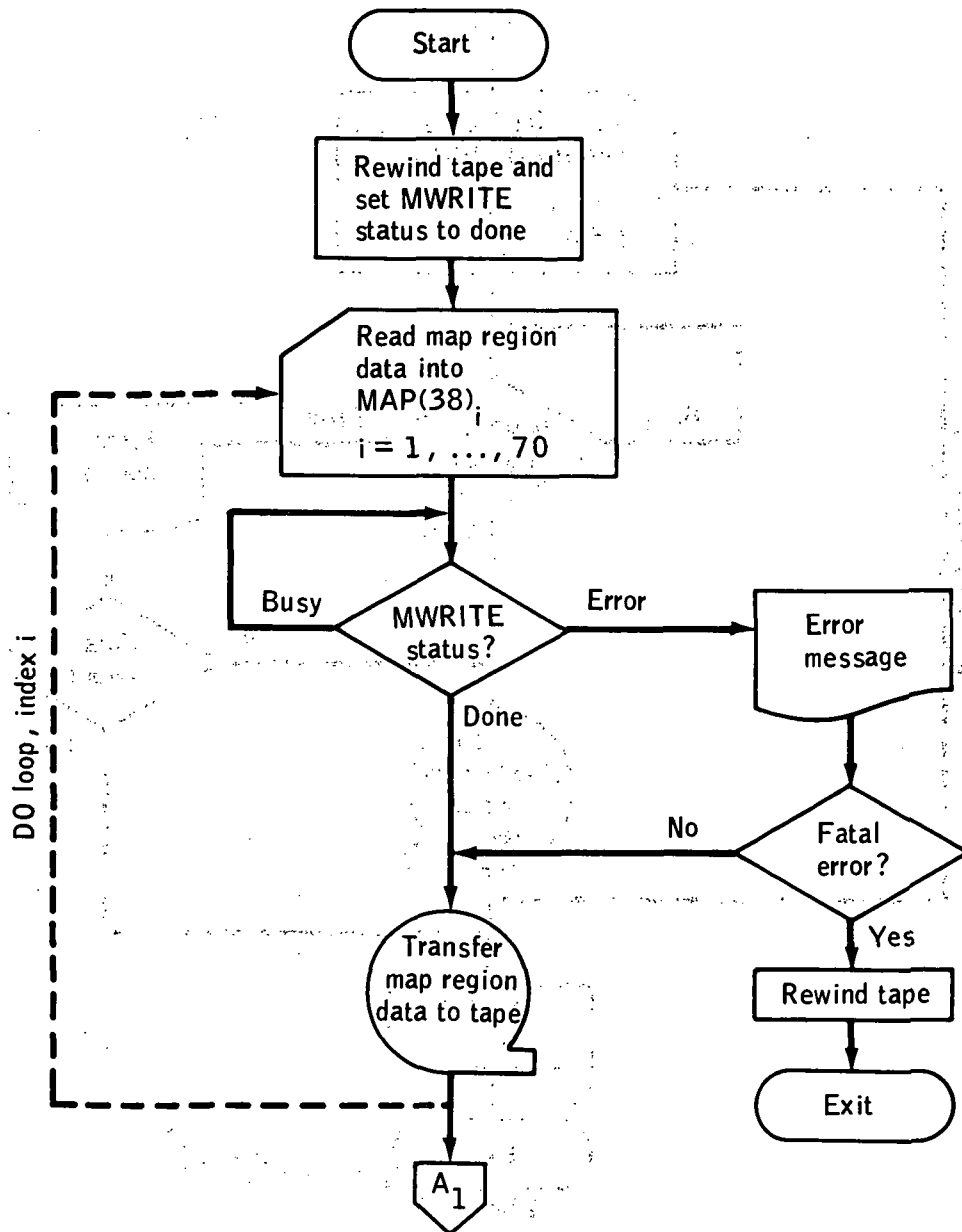
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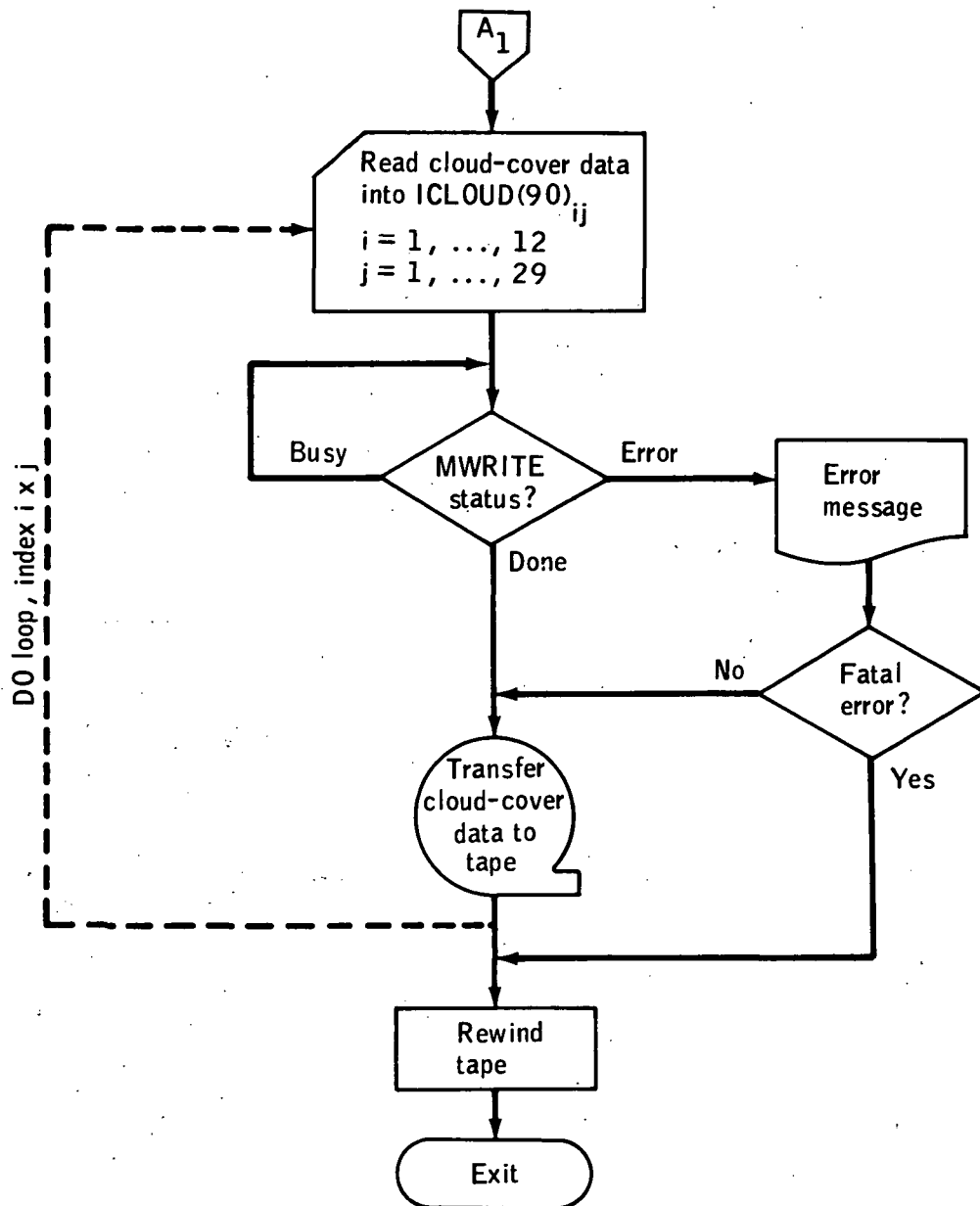
## APPENDIX A

### DATA TRANSFER PROGRAM

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## Flow Diagram





# Computer Printout

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10      DIMENSION MAP(38),MAP2(38),ICLOUD(90),IICLOUD(90)
20      REWIND 1
30      ISTAT=0
40      DO 10 I=1,70
50      READ(5,500) ISWTH1,(MAP(J),J=1,28)
60      READ(5,501) ISWTH2,(MAP(J),J=29,38)
70      4      JSTAT=ISTAT+1
80      GO TO (8,4,5,6,7,7,7,7,7,7), JSTAT
90      5      WRITE (6,803) IK,ISWTH3, ISWTH4, (MAP2(J),J=1,38)
100     GO TO 999
110     6      WRITE (6,801) IK,ISWTH3, ISWTH4, (MAP2(J), J=1,38)
120     ISTAT=0
130     GO TO 8
140     7      WRITE (6,809) ISTAT, IK
150     GO TO 999
160     8      DO 9 K=1,38
170     9      MAP2(K) =MAP(K)
180     ISWTH3= ISWTH1
190     ISWTH4= ISWTH2
200     IK=1
210     10     CALL MWRITE(1,1,MAP2(1),38, ISTAT)
220     DO 90 KIRBY=1,12
230     DO 90 KYLE=1,29
240     READ(5,502) (ICLOUD(11),11=1,90)
250     34     JSTAT=ISTAT+1
260     GO TO (38,34,35,36,37,37,37,37,37,37),JSTAT
270     35     WRITE(6,802) KD,KK, (IICLOUD(11),11=1,90)
280     GO TO 999
290     36     WRITE(6,803) KD,KK,(IICLOUD(11),11=1,90)
300     ISTAT=0
310     GO TO 38
320     37     WRITE(6,809) ISTAT,KD,KK
330     GO TO 999
340     38     DO 80 JK=1,90
350     80     IICLOUD(JK)= ICLOUD(JK)
360     KD=KIRBY
370     KK=KYLE
380     90     CALL MWRITE(1,1,IICLOUD(1),90,ISTAT)
390     500     FORMAT(1X,12,14(12,13))
400     501     FORMAT(1X,12,5(12,13))
410     800     FORMAT(1X,'EOT MARK SENSED WITH I = ',13,' SWTH = ',213,' AND MA
420     IF DATA BEING',/,2814,/,1014)
430     801     FORMAT (1X,'PARITY ERROR WRITTEN WITH I = ',13,' SWTH = ',213,'
440     IAND MAP DATA BEING',/,2814,/,1014)
450     502     FORMAT (6X,1812,4(/,6X,1812))
460     802     FORMAT (1X,'EOT MARK SENSED WITH MONTH = ',13,' REGION = ',13,'
470     IAND CLOUD DATA BEING',5(/,6X,1813))
480     803     FORMAT (1X,'PARITY ERROR WRITTEN WITH MONTH = ',13,' REGION = ',13,'
490     I3,' AND CLOUD DATA BEING',5(/,6X,1813))
500     900     FORMAT (1X,'GOOD RUN UNLESS PARITY ERROR.')
510     901     FORMAT (1X,'TAPE NOT LONG ENOUGH TO STORE ALL DATA. - BREAK INTO 2
520     ITAPES AND TRY AGAIN.',/,1X,'PROGRAMMER KILLS JOB.')
530     809     FORMAT (1X,'ILLEGAL STATUS',14,' ON LOOP ',213)
540     WRITE (6,900)
550     GO TO 998
560     999     WRITE (6,901)
570     GO TO 997
580     998     CONTINUE
590     ENDFILE 1
600     997     REWIND 1
610     CALL EXIT
620     END

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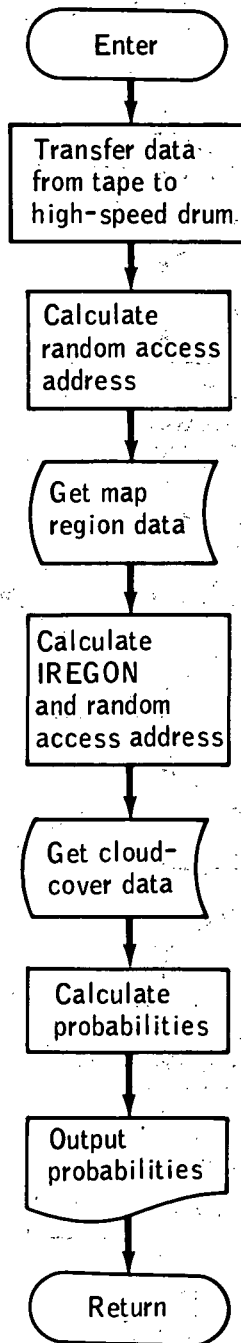


## APPENDIX B

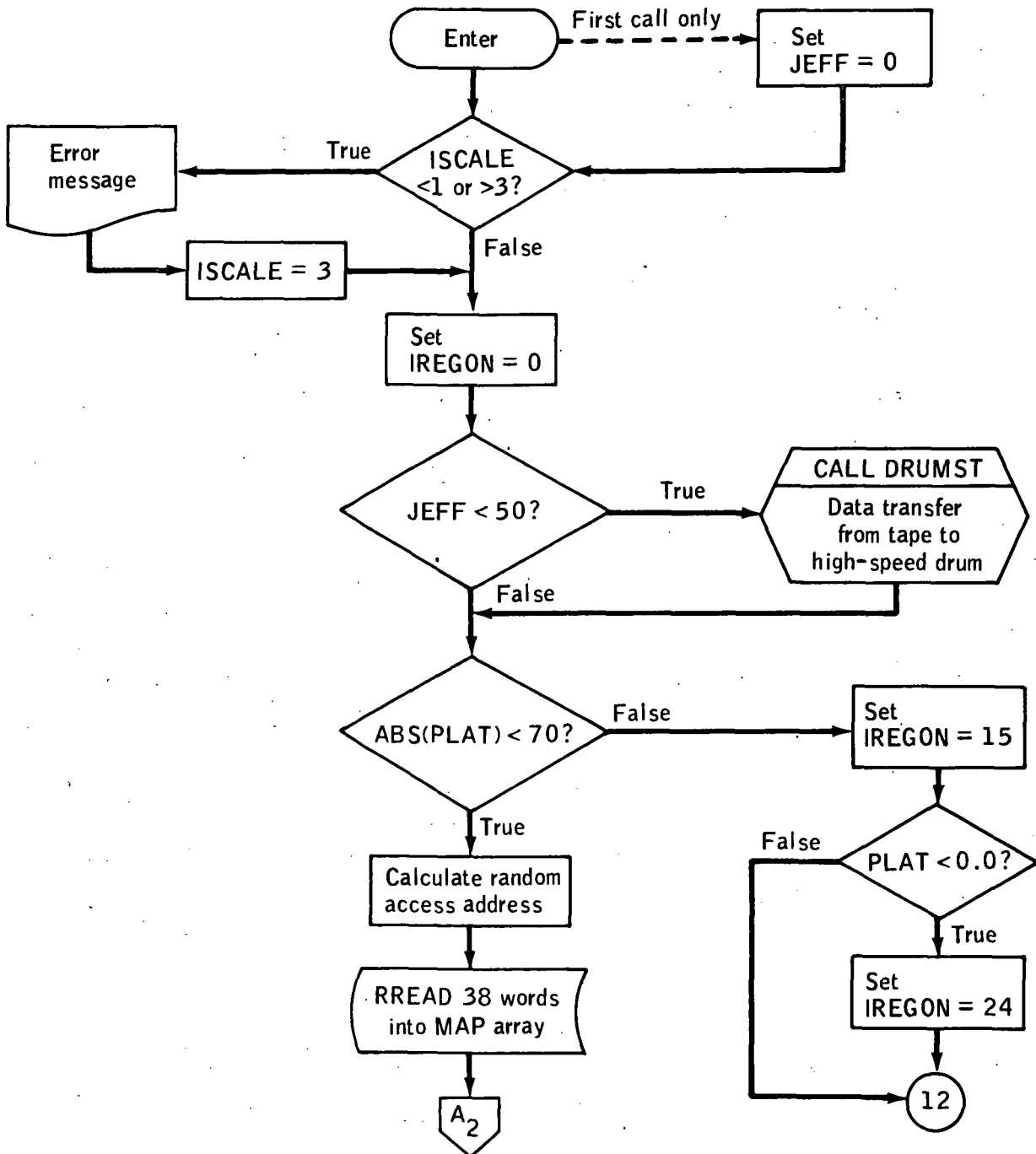
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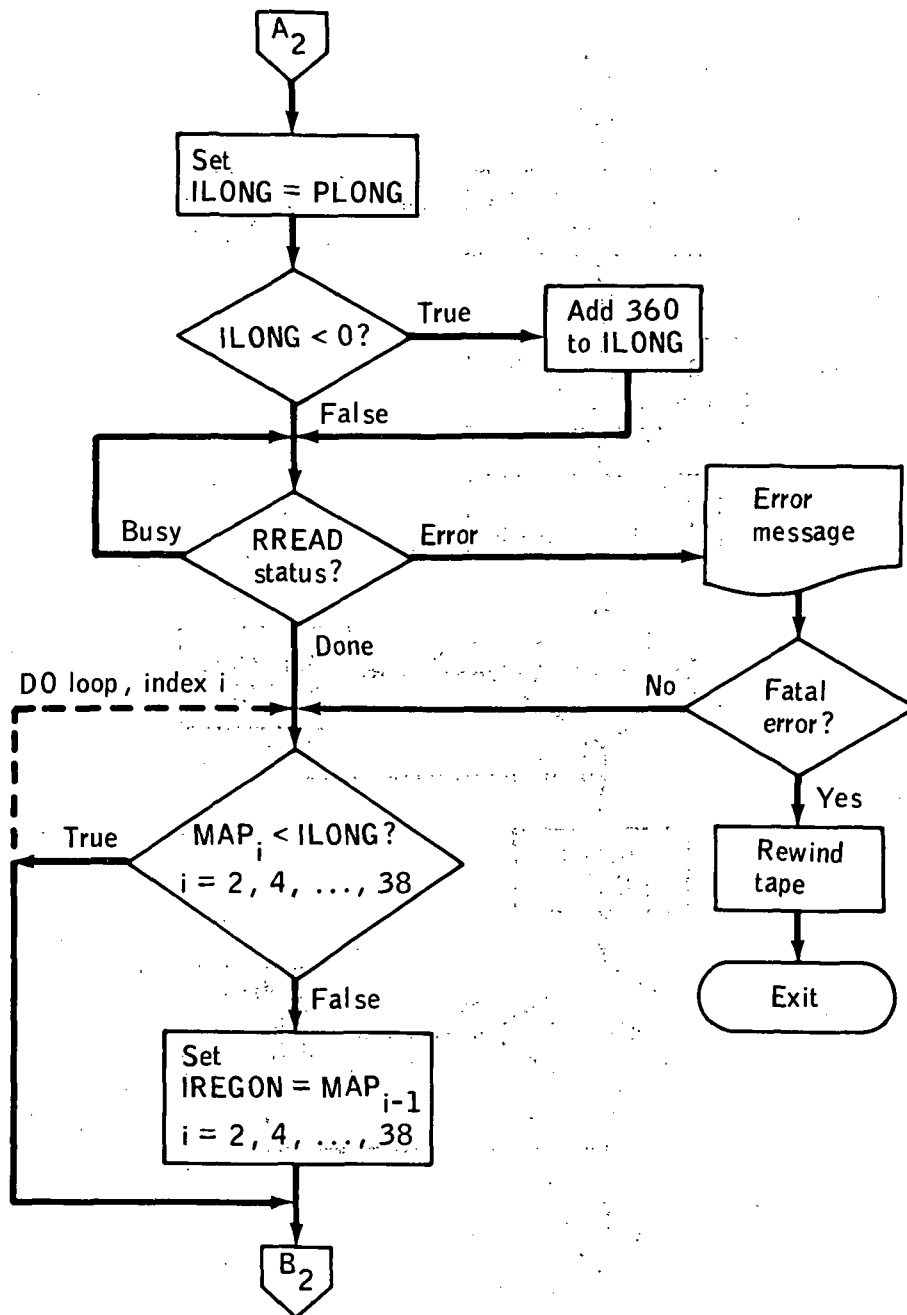
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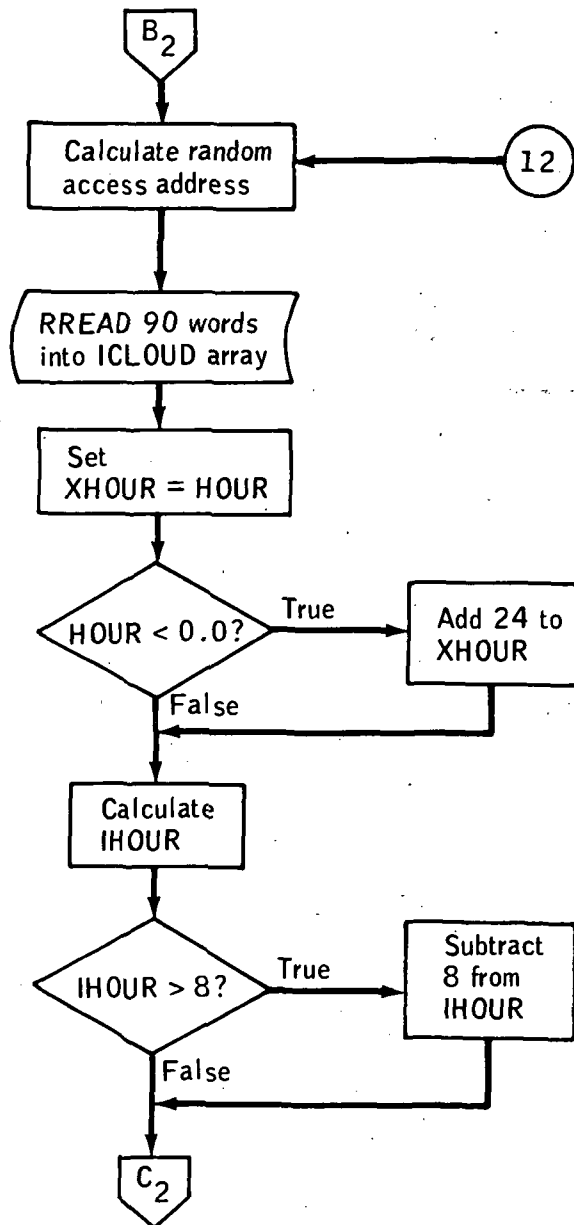
## Subroutine Set Block Flow Diagram

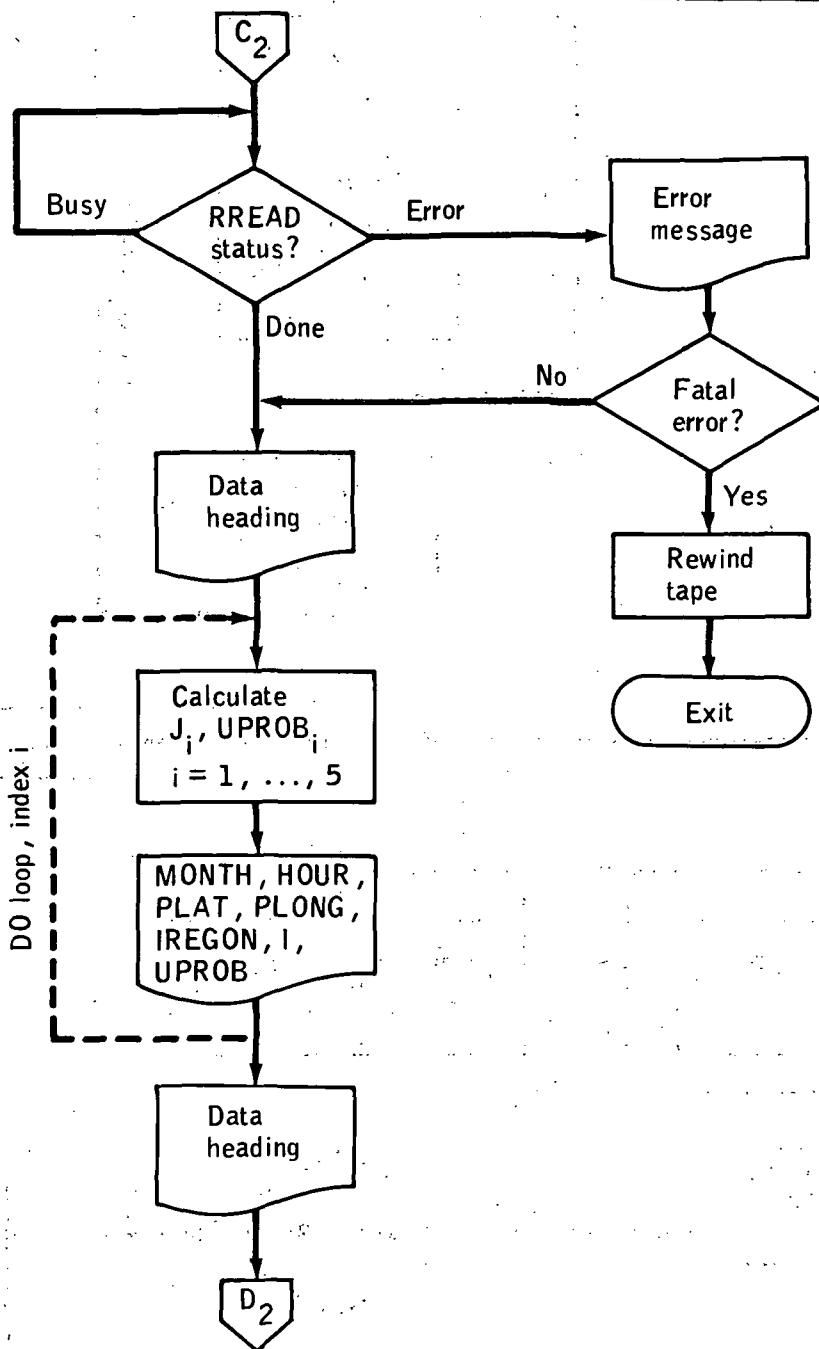


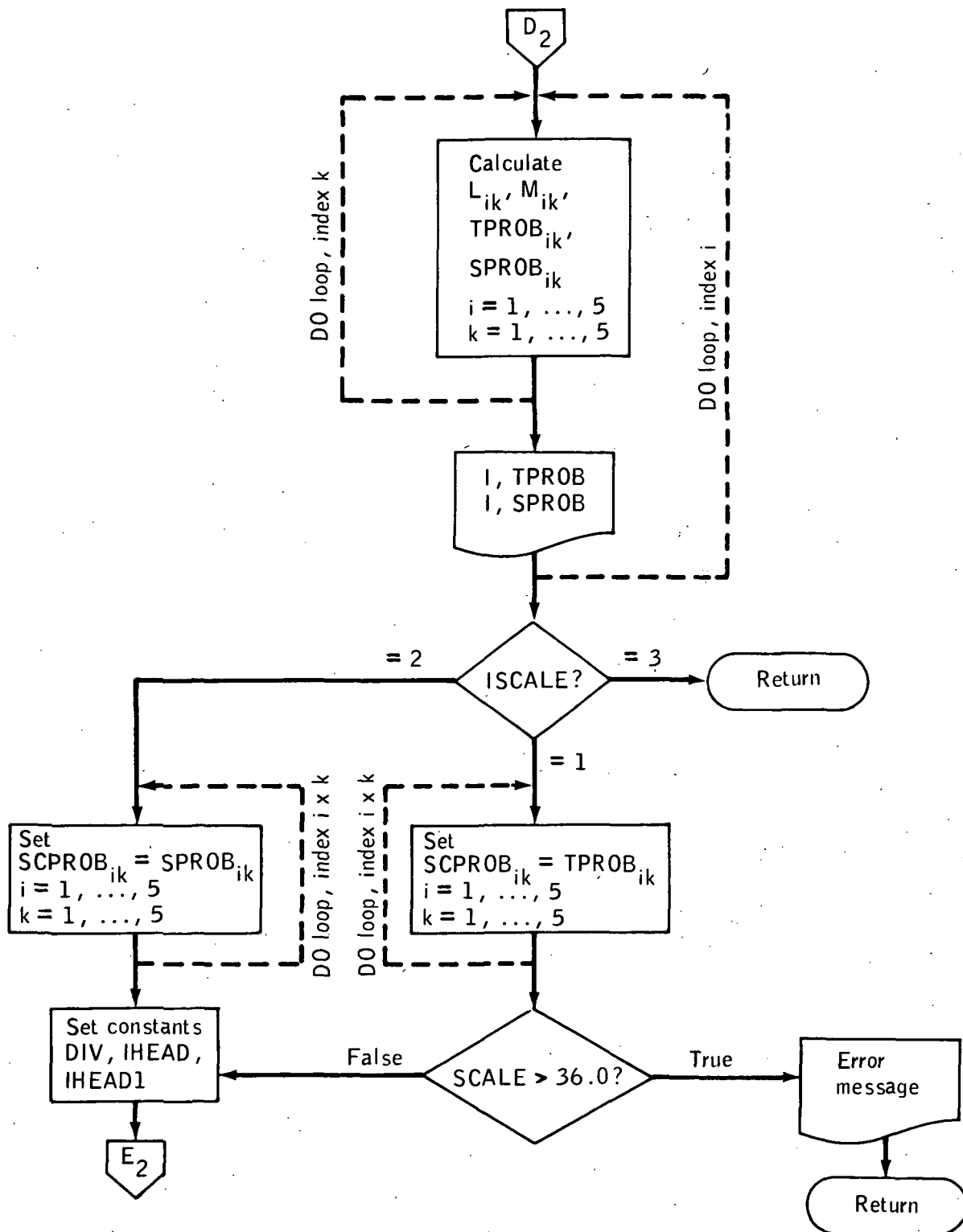
# Subroutine CLOUD Flow Diagram















## Subroutine CLOUD Computer Printout

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1*      SUBROUTINE CLOUD(MONTH,HOUR,PLAT,PLONG,UPROB,TPROB,SPROB,SCPROB,SC
2*      IALE,ISCALE)
3*      DIMENSION MAPAD(70),MORGAD(12,29),MAP(38),ICLOUD(90),UPROB(5),TPRO
4*      IB(5,5),SPROB(5,5),SCPROB(5,5)
5*      DATA JEFF/0/
6*      IF (ISCALE.LT. 1 .OR. ISCALE.GT. 3) GO TO 5
7*      GO TO 4
8*      5      WRITE(6,707) ISCALE
9*      ISCALE=3
10*     4      IREGON=0
11*     707    FORMAT(///,' ISCALE =',I4,' NOT ALLOWED. SET ISCALE = 3.')
12*      IF (JEFF.LT.50)CALL DRUMST(MAPAD,MORGAD,MAP,ICLOUD,JEFF)
13*      IF (ABS(PLAT).GE. 70.0) GO TO 11
14*      1      ILAT=(PLAT+71.0)/2.0+0.5
15*      NADDR=MAPAD(ILAT)
16*      CALL RREAD(NADDR,MAP(1),38,1STAT)
17*      ILONG=PLONG
18*      IF (ILONG.LT.0) ILONG=ILONG+360
19*      IF (1STAT.GT.1) GO TO 998
20*      2      IF (1STAT)998,3,2
21*      3      DO 7 I=2,38,2
22*      IF (MAP(I).LT. ILONG) GO TO 7
23*      IREGON=MAP(I-1)
24*      GO TO 12
25*      7      CONTINUE
26*      GO TO 12
27*      11      IREGON=15
28*      IF (PLAT.LT.0.0) IREGON=24
29*      12      NADDR=MORGAD(MONTH,IREGON)
30*      CALL RREAD(NADDR,ICLOUD(1),90,1STAT)
31*      XHOUR=HOUR
32*      IF (HOUR.LT.0.0) XHOUR=HOUR+24.
33*      IHOUR=(XHOUR+0.5)/3.0+1.0
34*      IF (IHOUR.GT.8) IHOUR=IHOUR-8
35*      IF (1STAT.GT.1) GO TO 998
36*      14      IF (1STAT)998,13,14
37*      13      WRITE(6,700)
38*      DO 17 I=1,5
39*      J=(I-1)*18+IHOUR
40*      UPROB(I)=ICLOUD(J)/100.
41*      17      WRITE(6,701) MONTH,HOUR,PLAT,PLONG,IREGON,I,UPROB(I)
42*      WRITE(6,703)
43*      DO 19 I=1,5
44*      DO 18 K=1,5
45*      L=(I-1)*18+9+(K-1)
46*      M=(I-1)*18+14+(K-1)
47*      TPROB(I,K)=ICLOUD(L)
48*      TPROB(I,K)=TPROB(I,K)/100.
49*      SPROB(I,K)=ICLOUD(M)
50*      18      SPROB(I,K)=SPROB(I,K)/100.
51*      19      WRITE(6,702) I,(TPROB(I,KK),KK=1,5),I,(SPROB(I,JJ),JJ=1,5)
52*      GO TO (30,31,32), ISCALE
53*      30      DO 33 I=1,5
54*      DO 33 K=1,5
55*      33      SCPROB(I,K)=TPROB(I,K)
56*      DIV=24.0
57*      IF (SCALE.GT. 36.0) GO TO 42
58*      IHEAD=6H TIME
59*      IHEAD1=6H HRS.
60*      WRITE(6,704) IHEAD,SCALE,IHEAD1
61*      GO TO 34
62*      31      DO 35 I=1,5
63*      DO 35 K=1,5
64*      35      SCPROB(I,K)=SPROB(I,K)
65*      DIV=200.0
66*      IHEAD=6H SPACE
67*      IHEAD1=6H MM.
68*      WRITE(6,704) IHEAD,SCALE,IHEAD1
69*      34      DO 36 K=1,5
70*      DO 37 J=1,5

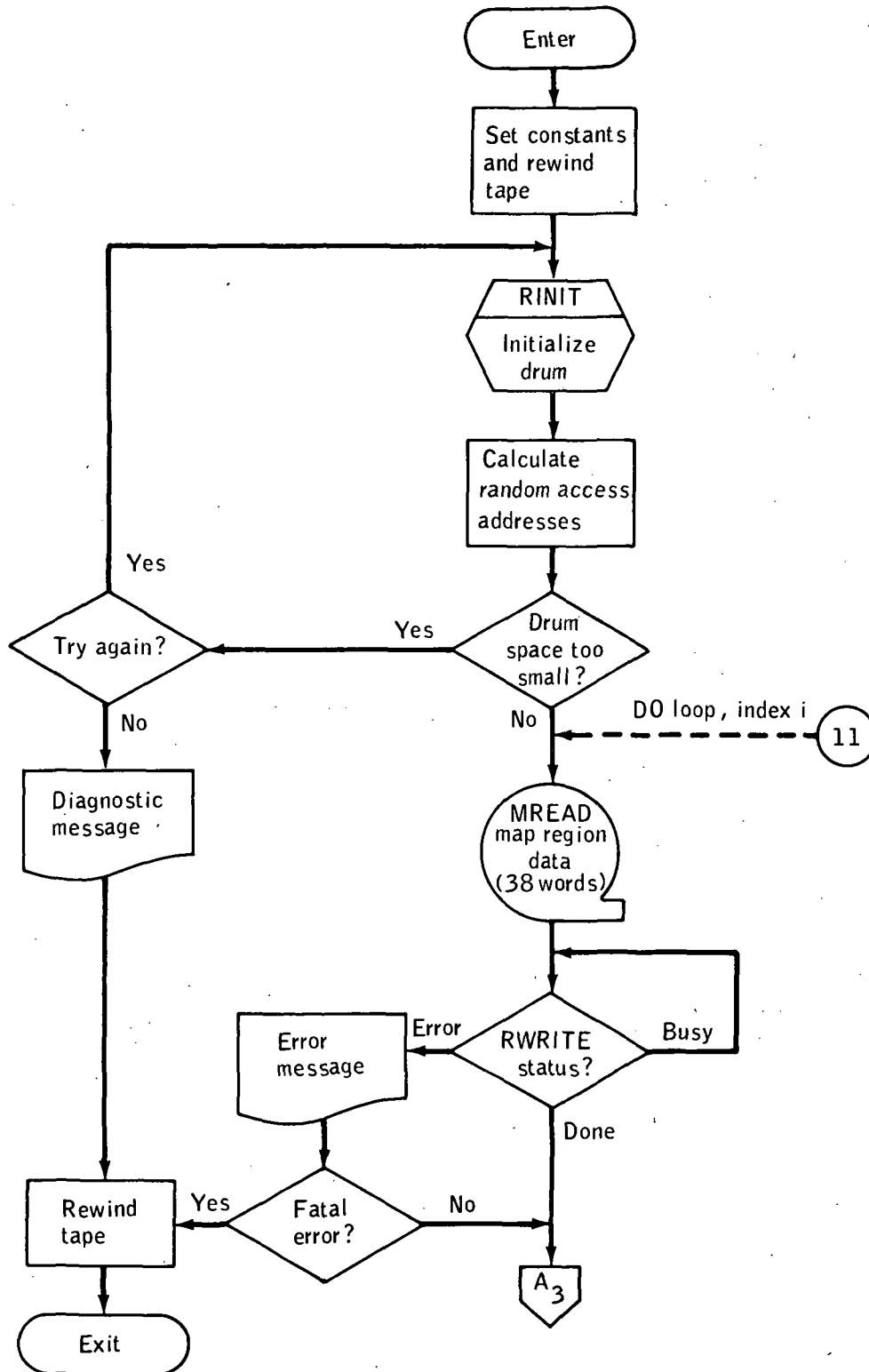
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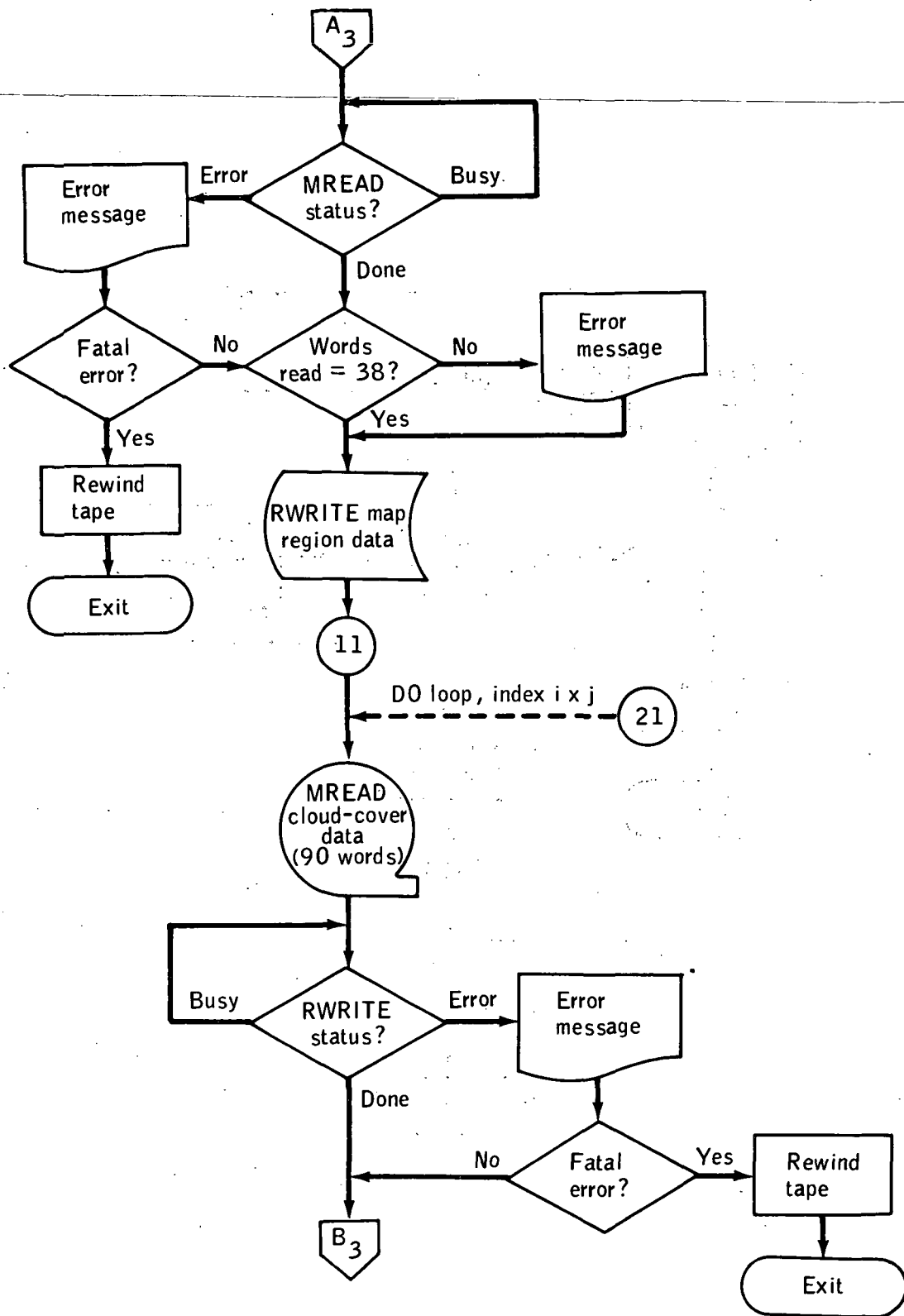
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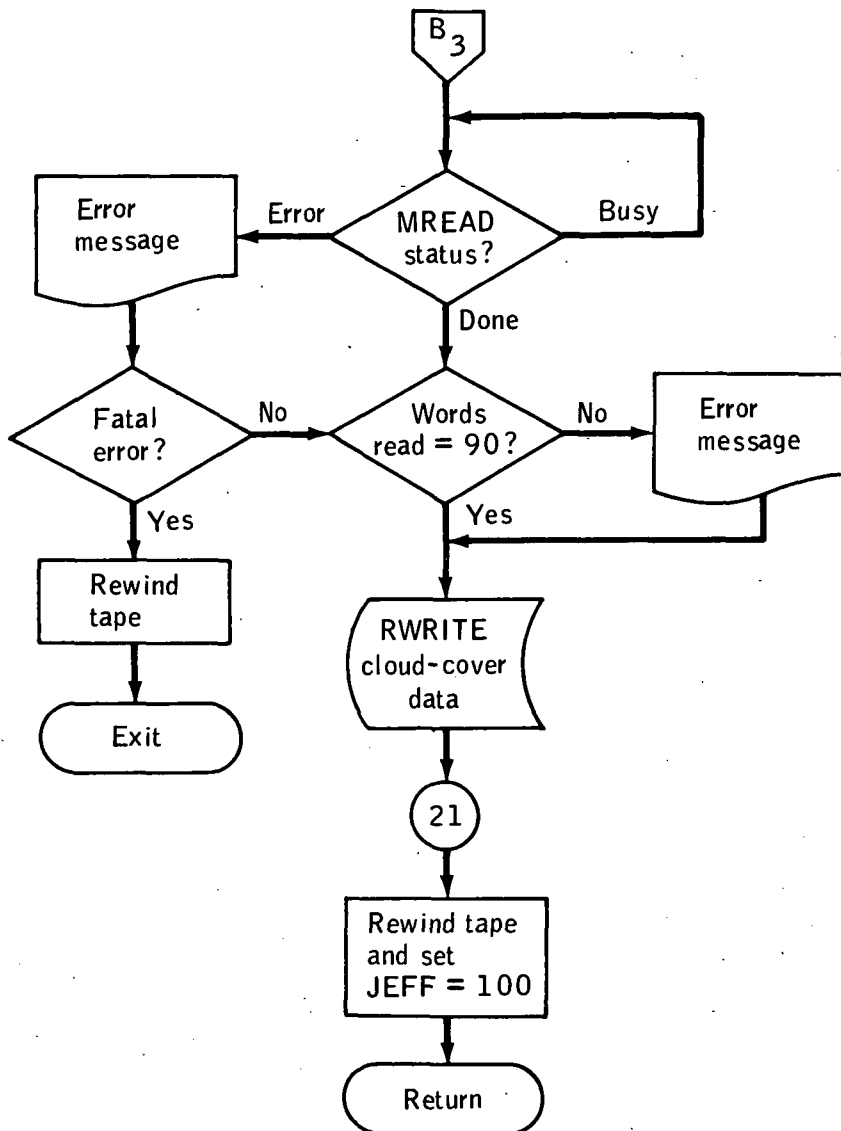
710      IF (K .EQ. J) GO TO 38
720      SCPR0B(K,J)=SCALE*SCPR0B(K,J)/DIV
730      IF (SCPR0B(K,J) .GT. UPROB(J) .AND. SCALE .GT. DIV) GO TO 39
740      GO TO 37
750  38  SCPR0B(K,J)=1.-SCALE*(1.-SCPR0B(K,J))/DIV
760      IF (SCPR0B(K,J) .LT. UPROB(J)) GO TO 39
770  37  CONTINUE
780      GO TO 36
790  39  DO 40 M=1,5
800      SCPR0B(K,M)=UPROB(M)
810  36  CONTINUE
820      WRITE(6,705) (1.(SCPR0B(I,J),J=1,5),I=1,5)
830      GO TO 32
840  42  WRITE(6,706)
850  32  RETURN
860  704  FORMAT('////,' SCALED',A6,' CONDITIONAL PROBABILITIES',//,' SCAL
870      IE FACTOR IS',F9.2,A6,' /', ' GIVEN PROBABILITY OF OBSERVING CATEG
880      ZORY',/, ' CATEGORY 1 2 3 4 5',/)
890  705  FORMAT(16,3X,5F7.2)
900  706  FORMAT('///, ' PROBABILITIES ARE NOT TIME CONDITIONAL OVER 36 HOURS.
910      I USE UNCONDITIONAL PROBABILITIES PREVIOUSLY OUTPUT. ')
920  998  WRITE(6,750) NADDR,MONTH
930      RETURN
940  700  FORMAT(1H1, ' UNCONDITIONAL PROBABILITIES OF OBSERVING CLOUD COVERA
950      IGE FOR EACH CLOUD CATEGORY', //,2X,'MONTH HOUR LAT LONG
960      2 REGION CATEGORY PROBABILITY',/)
970  701  FORMAT(2X,13,3F9.2,17,18,8X,F5.2)
980  702  FORMAT(1X,'/,16,' //,F6.2,4F7.2,' //,16,' //,F6.2,4F7.2,'
990      1 /')
1000  703  FORMAT('////, ' //,12X,'24-HOUR TIME CONDITIONAL',11X,'/,10X,'200
1010      1NH SPATIAL CONDITIONAL',/, ' //,47X,'/,47X,'/,/, ' //,47X,'/,47X,
1020      2'//,/, ' / GIVEN / PROBABILITY OF OBSERV
1030      3NG CATEGORY / GIVEN / PROBABILITY OF OBSERVING CATEGORY //,/,
1040      4' / CATEGORY / 1 2 3 4 5 / CATEGORY /
1050      51 2 3 4 5 //,/, ' //,10X,'/,36X,'/,10X,'/,
1060      636X,'/')
1070  750  FORMAT(1X,'ILLEGAL ADDRESS',115,' MONTH IS ',13,' HOUR IS ',F7.3)
1080      END

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# Subroutine DRUMST Flow Diagram







# Subroutine DRUMST Computer Printout

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10 SUBROUTINE DRUMST(MAPAD,MORGAD,MAP,ICLOUD,JEFF)
20 DIMENSION MAPAD(70),MORGAD(12,29),MAP(38),MAP1(38),ICLOUD(90),IICL
30 IUD(90)
40 NEED=33980
50 KYLE=0
60 100 CALL RINIT(1BADDR,NWDS)
70 DO 98 K=1,70
80 98 MAPAD(K)=1BADDR+(K-1)*38
90 KYLE=KYLE+1
100 DO 97 I=1,12
110 DO 97 J=1,29
120 97 MORGAD(I,J)=1BADDR+70*38+(I-1)*90+29*(J-1)*90
130 IF (NEED.LE.NWDS) GO TO 99
140 IF (NEED.GT.NWDS.AND. KYLE.LT.1000) GO TO 100
150 WRITE(6,850)
160 850 FORMAT(1X,'HIGH SPEED DRUM TOO SMALL TO RUN JOB. KILL.')
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170 GO TO 998
180 99 ISTAT=0
190 ISTAT1=0
200 READ(ND,1)
210 DO 11 I=1,70
220 CALL MREAD(1,1,MAP(1),38,ISTAT,LEN)
230 4 JSTAT1=ISTAT1+1
240 GO TO (8,4,5,7,7,7,7,7,7),JSTAT1
250 5 WRITE(6,802)1BADDR,(MAP1(J),J=1,38)
260 GO TO 998
270 7 WRITE(6,803)ISTAT1
280 GO TO 998
290 8 JSTAT=ISTAT1+1
300 14 GO TO (18,8,15,16,17,17,17,17,17),JSTAT
310 15 WRITE(6,800)1,(MAP(J),J=1,38)
320 GO TO 998
330 16 WRITE(6,801)1,(MAP1(J),J=1,38)
340 ISTAT=0
350 GO TO 18
360 17 WRITE(6,803)ISTAT1
370 GO TO 998
380 18 DO 10 J=1,38
390 10 MAP1(J)=MAP(J)
400 NADDR=MAPAD(1)
410 IF (LEN.NE.38) WRITE(6,851)LEN,1,JEFF,(MAP1(J),J=1,38)
420 11 CALL MWRITE(NADDR,MAP1(1),38,ISTAT1)
430 DO 21 I=1,12
440 DO 21 J=1,29
450 CALL MREAD(1,1,ICLOUD(1),90,ISTAT,LEN)
460 24 JSTAT1=ISTAT1+1
470 GO TO (28,24,25,27,27,27,27,27,27),JSTAT1
480 25 WRITE(6,702)NADDR,IICLOUD(N),N=1,90)
490 GO TO 998
500 27 WRITE(6,703)ISTAT1
510 GO TO 998
520 28 JSTAT=ISTAT1+1
530 34 GO TO (38,28,35,36,37,37,37,37,37),JSTAT
540 35 IF (1.NE.12.AND. J.NE.29) GO TO 39
550 ISTAT=0
560 GO TO 38
570 39 WRITE(6,700)1,J,(ICLOUD(N),N=1,90)
580 GO TO 997
590 36 WRITE(6,701)1,J,(ICLOUD(N),N=1,90)
600 ISTAT=0
610 GO TO 38
620 37 WRITE(6,703)ISTAT1
630 GO TO 998
640 38 DO 30 K=1,90
650 30 IICLOUD(K)=ICLOUD(K)
660 IF (LEN.NE.90) WRITE(6,851)LEN,1,J,(IICLOUD(K),K=1,90)
670 NADDR=MORGAD(1,J)

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68* 21    CALL RWRITE(NAADR,11,CLOD(1),90,[STAT])
69* 997    REWIND 1
70*      JEFF=100
71*      RETURN
72* 998    REWIND 1
73*      CALL EXIT
74* 800    FORMAT(IX,'EOF MARK READ ON I =',I3,' MAP DATA IS',/,2814,/,1014)
75* 801    FORMAT(IX,'PARITY ERROR READ ON I =',I3,' MAP DATA IS',/,2814,/,10
76*      14)
77* 802    FORMAT(IX,'ILLEGAL ADDRESS',I5,' ON LOOP',I3,' MAP DATA IS',/,281
78*      14,/,1014)
79* 803    FORMAT(IX,'ILLEGAL STATUS',I3,' MAP DATA IS',/,2814,/,1014)
80* 851    FORMAT(IX,'WORDS READ ERROR LEN =',I3,' LOOP =',I213,/, ' DATA IS '
81*      1.5(/,1814))
82* 700    FORMAT(IX,'EOF MARK READ I =',I3,' J =',I3,' CD ST DATA IS',5(/,18
83*      14))
84* 701    FORMAT(IX,'PARITY ERROR READ I =',I3,' J =',I3,' CD ST DATA IS',5(
85*      1/,1814))
86* 702    FORMAT(IX,'ILLEGAL ADDRESS',I5,' LOOP',I213,' CD ST DATA IS',5(/,1
87*      1814))
88* 70 3    FORMAT(IX,'ILLEGAL STATUS',I3,' CD ST DATA IS',5(/,1814))
89*      END

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## **APPENDIX C**

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MAGNETIC TAPE STORAGE

The magnetic tape produced by the Data Transfer Program is a seven-track, 800-bit/in. binary tape which contains 418 records. The first 70 records of 38 words each describe the map regions. The next 348 records of 90 words each contain the tabular cloud-cover statistical data.

In subroutine CLOUD, the vectors MAPAD and MORGAD are used to store the high-speed-drum access addresses. The vector MAPAD stores the map region data addresses, and MORGAD stores the cloud-cover statistical data by month and region addresses. The notation  $MAPAD_i$ ;  $i = 1, \dots, 70$  refers to the  $i$ th swath (fig. 1). The notation  $MORGAD_{jk}$ ;  $j = 1, \dots, 12$ ;  $k = 1, \dots, 29$  refers to the data for the  $j$ th month and the  $k$ th region. In subroutine CLOUD, ILAT corresponds to  $i$ , MONTH corresponds to  $j$ , and IREGON corresponds to  $k$ .

ALTERNATE DATA RETRIEVAL METHOD

An alternate method to the use of the high-speed drum is a magnetic-tape-search routine. The magnetic tape record number is stored in the vectors MAPAD and MORGAD. The magnetic-tape-search method consists of beginning at the load point of the tape and then skipping the necessary number of records to position the tape at the required record of information. After the record has been read, the tape is rewound to the load point.

The following relationships must be used in order to position the tape and read the required record. The consecutive numbers 1 to 70 are stored in the 70-word vector MAPAD, and the consecutive numbers 71 to 418 are stored in the 348-word vector MORGAD. Therefore,  $MAPAD(ILAT)$  in subroutine CLOUD refers to one of the first 70 records on the tape. Similarly,  $MORGAD(MONTH, IREGON)$  refers to one of the last 348 records on the tape. Then, specifically,  $MAPAD(33)$  refers to the 33rd record,  $MORGAD(1, 2)$  refers to the 72nd record,  $MORGAD(7, 28)$  refers to the 272nd record, and  $MORGAD(11, 29)$  refers to the 389th record on the tape. The variable NADDR in subroutine CLOUD contains the number of the record to be read. The call to RREAD is replaced by statements to skip  $NADDR - 1$  records and read the next record into one of the vectors MAP or ICLoud, verifying that the first word of the record is read into the first word of the vector (i. e.,  $MAP(1)$  or  $ICLOUD(1)$ ). Finally, the call to DRUMST and the subroutine DRUMST are eliminated.

Retrieval of data by this magnetic-tape-search method is a slow process, and better methods do exist. However, the existing computer program, with few changes, can be used in the interim during which a more efficient alternate routine can be programed.